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*Building a Better America Through Education and Hellenism*

The PanHellenic Foundation newsletter is produced to keep you apprised of the Foundation's ongoing efforts—and how you can join in those efforts to Build a Better America through Education and Hellenism.



## WHAT'S NEW

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

IN GRATITUDE

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## \$250,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE GIVEN IN 2008

This year's PanHellenic Scholarship Fund is the most ambitious ever. This is our response to the overwhelming encouragement we receive from our past recipients. They understand the significance and the benefits delivered by our scholarship program to new students every year. And this year, there will be more such students than ever before.

### It's All Made Possible By You

By contributing to the means of funding a first-rate education, and helping relieve the burden of that effort, the Foundation hopes to provide our youth a platform for significant accomplishments over the course of their lives. Regardless of the size of your contribution, your participation in our scholarship fund gives you a reason to be proud

for playing an important role in the life and success of a deserving student. All your contributions, unless anonymous, are duly recognized in our publicity and at our event.

Please continue to help us in this effort. Taking a moment to write a check will be one of the most rewarding gestures you can make for yourself, your community, and your country. Mail your check to our office or make a secure donation online through our website.

*Thank you so much!*



OUR 2007 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

The PanHellenic Scholarship Awards are grants of \$10,000, made annually to exceptional Greek American students beginning or just embarking upon their college education. These awards have increased over time, and, as our 2008 goal indicates, we are working to increase them further.

The Awards are offered for two principal purposes:

- To recognize Greek-American students of high scholastic achievement.
- To provide support for those students in financial need.

## HOW TO ENDOW A GRANT WITH YOUR NAME

There is no limit to how much you can give. But for those giving \$10,000 or more, the Foundation will name a scholarship in your honor—or in the name of a friend, colleague, family member, or in memory of a loved one. We can think of no better way to bestow an honor that lives and grows over time—in the academic and life accomplishments of the scholarship recipient!

[www.panhellenicscholarships.org](http://www.panhellenicscholarships.org)

# 2008 Paradigm Award Winner Announced

## *Peter H. Diamandis*



The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is delighted to announce the 2008 recipient of our Paradigm Award, Dr. Peter Diamandis.

Dr. Diamandis is known throughout the world as the driving force behind the X Prize Foundation, an educational non-profit prize institute whose mission is to create radical breakthroughs for the benefit of humanity. He is also the Chairman and CEO of Zero Gravity Corporation, and co-founder of Space Adventures,

Ltd. He is considered the key figure in the development of the personal spaceflight industry.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Diamandis as this year's recipient of the Paradigm Award," says Chris Tomaras, Founder and Chairman of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation. "I can think of no better example for our youth of how one can achieve high educational goals, then apply that achievement to the building of a better society."

He is the winner of the 2006 (*inaugural*) Heinlein Award, the 2006 Lindbergh Award, the 2006 Wired RAVE Award, the Konstantine Tsiolkovsky Award, twice the winner of the Aviation & Space Technology Laurel, and the 2003 World Technology Award for Space. In 8th grade, while living in New York, Dr. Diamandis won first place in the Estes rocket design contest.

Dr. Diamandis' academic achievements are legion, including a BS in Molecular Biology from MIT, an MS in aeronautics and astronautics from MIT, and an MD from the Harvard Medical School. He will be given the Paradigm Award at the Foundation's annual fall gala in Chicago.

The Paradigm Award celebrates the lifelong achievements of a successful Greek American whose career and accomplishments serve as testimony to educational and Hellenic ideals—and also as a worthy example for our youth. Past recipients of the Award include U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes, U.S. Representative Michael Bilirakis, Drexel University President Constantine Papadakis, and investment expert John P. Calamos, Sr.

"THE BEST WAY TO  
PREDICT THE FUTURE  
IS TO CREATE IT  
YOURSELF!"

PETER DIAMANDIS

### *A Message from the Chairman*

This is a truly exciting year for our Foundation.

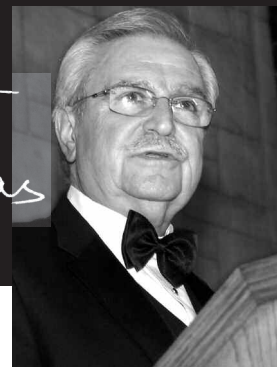
The tremendous response of contributors to our mission—to build a better America through education and Hellenism—has enabled us to help fund the academic aspirations of worthy Greek-American students, and to raise our sights even higher as we move forward. Our goal of a quarter million dollars for 2008 is clearly in sight.

To every contributor I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude, and to encourage their ongoing participation as we continue in this important work. Like the principles of Hellenism, the task of supporting our youth goes on through generations. This is something we all should assume with energy and enthusiasm.

I find it most appropriate that this year's Paradigm Award winner is Dr. Peter H. Diamandis, whose personal story is an inspiration for us all to "shoot for the stars." Dr. Diamandis' academic brilliance and civic leadership is a tremendous example to those youth now preparing to take flight toward their own academic and life goals.

We look forward to meeting with and hearing Dr. Diamandis at our annual gala, and I look forward to seeing you there!

CHRIS P. TOMARAS



#### **2008 GRANT APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE!**

For those deserving Greek American students seeking financial support, the 2008 PanHellenic Grant Application is now available. Visit our website to download an application and view guidelines and requirements.

[www.panhellenicscholarships.org](http://www.panhellenicscholarships.org)



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This year, our annual Scholarship Awards gala event will take place on November 15, 2008 at the University Club of Chicago, 76 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

During that evening our Foundation will distribute the scholarship checks and certificates to the selected winners and present this year's Paradigm Award to Dr. Peter Diamandis, a distinguished Greek American as a life example for our students to follow.

The event is open to the public and is attended by friends and supporters of the Foundation

with special dignitaries from the U.S. and Greece. The admission is \$125 per person and includes an upscale dinner in an informal yet prestigious environment and atmosphere.

**For more information  
please call our office at  
312 357 6432.**



# PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

**BRIDGING TWO WORLDS**

Our Scholarship Foundation seeks to combine and utilize the highest principles of the American and Hellenic traditions in order to help develop Greek Americans into outstanding citizens, through the advancement of their education. In this way, these Greek Americans, proud of their ethnic heritage, are encouraged to participate actively in and contribute meaningfully to American society, distinguishing not only themselves, but all Hellenes as well.

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